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Irani
Ray Irani, PhD ’57, a USC Trustee, has served as Occidental Petroleum Corporation’s chairman and CEO. Residents of the Irani Residential College explore performance science, which focuses on mind, body and business. Through interdisciplinary learning, students will learn how to maximize their performance in both individual and organizational settings.

McCarthy
The Kathleen L. McCarthy Honors College is home to freshman honors students. It comprises a variety of suite formats, housing three, four or eight students per suite. It also features study lounges, laundry rooms and a visually stunning dining hall. Residents receive faculty mentoring and participate in events that foster community building and holistic development among high-achieving students.

Nemirovsky
USC Trustee Shelly Nemirovsky ’75 and her husband, Ofer, are the namesakes of Nemirovsky Residential College. Students living in this college focus on environmental, social and economic sustainability. By developing their leadership skills and knowledge, residents of Nemirovsky engage with sustainability challenges worldwide.

Priam
Priam Residential College fosters its residents’ passion for science, technology and design. Students of all majors are encouraged to develop innovative solutions to global challenges.
USC VILLAGE SELF-GUIDED TOUR

1. Jefferson Boulevard Entrance
With its grand opening in summer 2017, the USC Village became the largest development project in the history of USC and one of the largest in the history of South Los Angeles. This 15-acre addition to the University Park Campus is built in the Collegiate Gothic style and modeled after a medieval Tuscan village, providing a critical gathering space for students and the surrounding neighborhood. It includes retail and restaurant spaces that are open to the public, as well as student housing, classrooms, a residential dining hall and a fitness center. The Village uses enough concrete to build a sidewalk from Los Angeles to Las Vegas.

2. Statue of Hecuba, Queen of Troy
Created by sculptor Christopher Street, Hecuba stands as the centerpiece of USC Village. As queen, Hecuba proved to be a resilient protector of Troy, inspiring Trojans to fight on in the face of impossible odds, and her presence here celebrates the women of USC. The women at Hecuba’s base — African, Asian, Caucasian, Latina, Native American and Eastern Mediterranean — represent the diversity of the Trojan Family, as well as the breadth of academic offerings at USC. Her background is a large Coast Live Oak, one of the 390 evergreen native species trees at USC Village. Hecuba gestures outward to welcome the Trojan Family and the surrounding community.

3. Target, Trader Joe’s — and More
USC Village’s 23.5 million square feet of building space include a wide array of retail and restaurant options, all of which are open to the public. Anchored by Target and Trader Joe’s, shops and services can be found throughout the Village. Restaurants offer everything from Mexican and Mediterranean to organic foods, burgers and ice cream. You will also find an Amazon store, a FedEx office, a nail salon, an Urb-E mobility hub, and optical services provided by the USC Roski Eye Institute, not to mention many others.

Receiving unanimous approval from the Los Angeles City Council, the USC Village project established strong partnerships with the surrounding neighborhood. Local residents made up more than 20 percent of the construction labor, while hundreds of permanent, full- and part-time jobs have already been created. USC also pledged $16 million to the construction of the new Fire Station 15, now located on Hoover Street, and has committed $20 million to Los Angeles’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

4. Fitness Center/Exit on Jefferson Boulevard (Next to CIC)
Also home to the Cale and Irani Residential Colleges and retail shops, this building features the USC Village Fitness Center. This fitness center provides 30,000 square feet for cardio, weights and group exercise. It offers fitness classes, personal training and equipment rental, among other amenities. USC Village also has ample spaces for bicycles, including repair stations and over 1,400 bicycle racks.

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David C. Bohnett ’78, a Trustee of USC, is a philanthropist and entrepreneur who founded GeoCities.com, a pioneering e-commerce company. The Bohnett Residential College focuses on social justice through entrepreneurship, fostering an environment where its residents use innovation to tackle social issues, such as diversity and inclusion, homelessness, and college access.

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